

COUNTY GOVERNMENT OF NAIROBI CITY



SECOND ASSEMBLY
THE NAIROBI CITY COUNTY ASSEMBLY
(FOURTH SESSION)

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR

No. 06 of 2020

SPECIAL SITTING OF 2ND APRIL, 2020

Hon. Members, Let me take this opportunity to welcome you to this unprecedented Special Sitting of the Nairobi City County Assembly. I thank you for availing yourselves despite the risks associated with the current COVID-19 pandemic the Country and the entire world is currently facing. Indeed, **Hon. Members,** you will recall that on **Monday 16th March 2020,** the Assembly Business Committee took an unprecedented action and resolved that this Assembly be adjourned in order to avoid exposing Members and Staff to the dreaded virus. It was however communicated to you that whenever a compelling need would arise, the Assembly would be convened and that stringent sanitary measures would be put in place during such sitting.

Accordingly, **Hon. Members,** the County Assembly through the Office of the Clerk, prior to this Special Sitting, has put in place necessary preventive measures including fumigating the entire precincts, installing sanitizers at various points in the precincts, suspending the use of Biometric System, ensuring adequate spacing in the chamber, providing masks and hand gloves to all Members and staff, urging our senior Members who are elderly to be excused from today's sitting and enforcing the social distance. Indeed, as you were informed by the Clerk, today's sitting shall be attended by only 42 Members at any given time and admittance to the Chamber has been on a first come first serve basis with a priority to the Assembly Leadership and Members of the Finance, Budget and Appropriations Committee due to the nature of business ahead of us. I therefore urge you to continue cooperating with the Serjeant-at-arms until the conclusion of this sitting.

Consequently, **Hon. Members**, the National Government has continued to advise us on measures and actions we need to uphold in order to suppress the spread of the virus. As your Speaker, I will still reiterate to you that you faithfully embrace these guidelines and sensitize your constituents on the same using any available forum. Some of these preventive measures may appear obvious but they are quite significant in combating this pandemic. They include but not limited to;-

- i) Washing hands regularly with soap and running water or using an alcoholic-based hand sanitizer;
- ii) Coughing or sneezing into a disposable tissue or a bend elbow, and washing of hands immediately;
- iii) Maintaining a social distance of 2 Meters (6 Feet);
- iv) Avoiding shaking of hand; and
- v) Making sure that we are all at our homes between 7.00pm and 5.00am in line with the Presidential Directive on the National curfew.

BUSINESS FOR CONSIDERATION DURING THIS SPECIAL SITTING

Hon. Members, today's sitting has been convened following a request by the Leader of the Majority Party pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order No. 30 (3) and the publication of **Gazette Notice No. 2792** dated **1st April 2020**, to consider the following Business;-

- i) The Nairobi City County Supplementary Appropriation Bill, 2020 (Assembly Bill No.1 of 2020);
- ii) To accede to the designation of an AIE holder of the Nairobi Metropolitan Services; and
- iii) To consent with the re-alignment and codification of County personnel seconded to the National Government under the purview of the Nairobi Metropolitan Services.

Hon. Members, as you may notice, and without attempting to pre-empt debate, the business at hand relates to mitigating the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic particularly through the proposed Supplementary Appropriation Bill, 2020 and also to allow for effective functioning of the Nairobi Metropolitan Services which is an entity established by H.E. the President to implement

fundamental County functions transferred to the National Government namely; *County Health Services, County Transport Services, County Planning and Development Services and County Public Works, Utilities and **Ancillary Services.***

Hon. Members, for purpose of clarity, the **Ancillary Services** equally transferred to the National Government are the services intended to complement or support the primary functions transferred. Such **Ancillary Services** includes;-

- i) Part of ICT functions,
- ii) Accounting Services,
- iii) Economic Planning; and,
- iv) the entire Inspectorate Services.

Hon. Members, you will agree with me that for the Nairobi Metropolitan Service to effectively execute the transferred functions, the aforementioned supplementary services should be aligned with the transferred functions and its funding considered accordingly.

Hon. Members, the Chair wishes to remind you of the provisions of Standing Order No. 30 (4) which provides that, and I quote; *“Whenever the County Assembly meets for a special sitting, the Speaker shall specify the business to be transacted on the day or days appointed and the business so specified shall be the **ONLY BUSINESS** before the County Assembly during the special sitting, following which the County Assembly shall stand adjourned until the day appointed in the County Assembly calendar.*

Equally, **Hon. Members,** in compliance with the Gazette Notice No. 33 on the Public Order (State Curfew) Variation Order, 2020 issued by the Cabinet Secretary for Interior and Coordination of National Government, this Assembly must adjourn at **4.00 pm.** I therefore advise that we execute the business before us in the shortest time possible.

REMOVAL OF ILLEGAL CONTAINERS

As I conclude **Hon. Members**, the Office of the Speaker is in receipt of a letter **Ref: CAB/NMS/DG/2/2020** dated **30th March 2020** from the Director General, Nairobi Metropolitan Services, Major General Mohammed Abdalla Badi, EBS addressed to the Nairobi Regional Coordinator regarding illegal containers placed on Road reserves in various parts of the County. **Hon. Member**, in the said letter, the Director General noted that a number of containers purporting to be from Nairobi County had been illegally placed on road reserves and used as business Premises. As such, the Director General has directed that all illegal structures without valid Temporary Occupation License shall be removed within seven days from the date of the said letter. As such, the chair wishes to request all Members to cooperate and support the Nairobi Metropolitan Service in restoration of our great County.

You are so guided!

I thank you Hon. Members.

The Hon. Beatrice Elachi, CBS
SPEAKER OF THE NAIROBI CITY COUNTY

Wednesday, 2nd April 2020.